New Water Plant Open in Canal Winchester

Village Now Able to Produce 2 Million Gallons of Water Per Day

CANAL WINCHESTER—On July 31 the Village of Canal Winchester began serving residents from its new water production plant. Now able to produce up to two million gallons of water per day, the new facility can accommodate the residential and commercial growth the Village has been experiencing in recent years.

"We are excited to offer this upgraded system to our residents as our old system was near capacity and no longer able to fulfill the needs of the Village," said Matt Peoples, Director of Public Works for the Village of Canal Winchester.

Peoples has reported that the new system has been functioning well overall, however, there have been some isolated incidents where residents have reported a colored tint to their water.

"The discoloration of water poses no safety risk and represents only an aesthetic issue caused by a change in the chemistry of the water due to a change in the treatment process and an increased amount of water pumped from the facility," explained Peoples. "Letting water run for a minute or two should remove any discoloration."

To help eliminate any issues residents may have experienced from the new system, Canal Winchester is conducting hydrant flushing during the month of September instead of October this year, a change which will also reduce the amount of leaves that enter storm drains during the flushing process. Residents should expect hydrants to be flushed periodically Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Once the process is complete, residents should experience significantly less discoloration in their water.

In addition to hydrant flushing, the Village of Canal Winchester follows routine water sampling procedures set by Ohio's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Village consistently meets all standards set by the EPA, including producing water classified as safe for drinking.

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